some institutes, That way we have no control over them. We have laid down a general rule which I have mentioned. I cannot prevent the Ministers from going out and attending to other duties outside the House".

In view of the rulings in Parliament and in this House I am inclined to feel that there is no question of breaeh of previlege in the issue raised by the members. I do not think there is any intention on the part of the Chief Minister to deliberately mislead the House in what he has written to me. The Chief Minister has informed me in advance the reasons for his absence and it is not for the Chair to go behind and beyond the letter and infer otherwise. I, however. appeal to all the Ministers to see that they are present in the House whenever their business comes before the House and as often as possible on their occasions. In this connections I impress upon the the Government whip to see that no room is given for complaints regarding absence of Ministers in the House in future.

Requests to postphone the T.B. elections

ಶ್ರೀ ಭೀಮಣ್ಣ ಖಂಡ್ರೆ. – ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ಈಗ ಅಸೆಂಬ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ ನಾಳೆ ದಿವಸ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಬೋರ್ಡ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರ ಚುನಾವಣೆ ಇದೆ. ನಾನು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಜರು ಆಗಬೇಕೋ ಅಥವಾ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಜರು ಆಗಬೇಕೋ ಎಂಬುದು ಗೊತ್ತಾಗುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ತಮ್ಮ ಮೂಲಕ ಈ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾಕಬೇಕೆಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಅಡ್ವೈಸರಿ ಕಮಿಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಧಿನ ಈ ಸಭೆ ಸೇರಬೇಕೆಂದು ತೀರ್ಮಾನವಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಆದ ಕಾರಣ ಆ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ಈಗ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

SRI BHIMANNA KHANDRE.—I want to draw attention of the Government through you that the Assembly is in session. So the election must be postponed.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಅದು ತಮ್ಮ ಸಲಹೆ. ತಮ್ಮ ಸಲಹೆಯನ್ನು ನಾನು ಕೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಆದರೆ It is left to the decision of this House.

Presence of the Ministers in the House

2-00 P.M.

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—Sir. I want to draw your attention to one matter. I have no right to question your ruling. I have just heard it in part.

SRI A. LAKSHMISAGAR.—It is refreshing to hear that the Hon. Minister heard your ruling in part.

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—I said that I heard your ruling partly when I was just entering the House. As a Parliamentarian I had to stand there till the Chair completed its ruling. Let me complete what I have to say. What I mean is, this ruling is becoming more and more binding and making our position a little difficult.

SRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN.—Sir, I rise to a point of Order. I want to know whether the Minister is permitted to question the Ruling of the Chair? When once you have given the Ruling and the House is already in the process of taking up the next item, how can a Minister question your Ruling?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—I am not questioning the Ruling.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜೆ. ಎಚ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ನಾನೊಂದು ಕ್ರಿಯಾಲೋಪವನ್ನು ಎತ್ತುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಅದು ಏನೆಂದರೆ ತಮ್ಮ ತೀರ್ಪಿನ ಮೇಲೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ವಿಶ್ಲೇಷಣೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರು ಆ ರೀತಿ ಮಾಡುವುದಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ನಮಗೂ ಇದೇ ರೀತಿ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಅವರಿಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ತಾನೆ, ಈಗ ಆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯೇ ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

SRI A. LAKSHMISAGAR.—Sir, there are rules. The Chair has been pleased to give its Ruling. There is an end of the matter. Any kind of clarification or any commentary, however valid or invalid it may be cannot be allowed on the Floor of the House, If that happens, I am also at liberty to comment, a running commentary, if necessary. The Minister is permitted to make a lengthy statement about the difficulties of the Ministers.

MR. SPEAKER.—I just wanted to know what is his statement: I am not permitting him to question my Ruling. It is final.

SRI A. LAKSHMISAGAR.—May I anticipate, your goodself was pleased to observe during the course of Ruling that the Ministers must necessarily find it convenient to be present in the House as far as possible, though there may be occasision when they have got to be away from the sittings of the House. But the Hon'ble Minister is trying to explain the conduct of the Minister for his absence.

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—No, no, Sir.

Assault on a woman by autorickshaw drivers in Bangalore

SRI C. M. ARUMUGAM.—Sir, I wish to submit that the Hon'ble Minister Sri Azeez Sait just arrived when you were delivering your Ruling. Let him kindly go through the Ruling and if he wants to make any submission, he can do it later on. Since he has not fully heard your Ruling, it may not be correct on his part to explain now.

Sir, I would like to raise a very important and vital matter, Just two days back, the whole State was shocked, particularly Bangalore, that an young lady was assaulted by three autorickshaw drivers. She was raped violently and has been admitted in the Hospital. I now understand that her condition is very bad. I would request the Government, through you, Sir, to make a statement on this issue.